

REMARKS

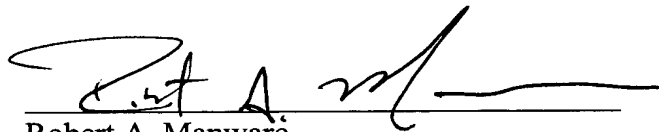
At the time the Official Action was mailed, claims 1-9 were pending in the present application. In the Official Action, the Examiner allowed claim 9 and rejected claims 1-8. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowance of claim 9. In view of the allowable subject matter, Applicant has chosen to place the application in condition for allowance. However, it should be noted that Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejections. Accordingly, claims 1-8 have been cancelled without prejudice for possible inclusion in a continuing application.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicant respectfully accepts allowance of claim 9. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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